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It's obvious that the key problem facing humanity in the coming century is how to bring a better quality of life for 8 billion or more people without wrecking the environment entirely in the attempt. - E.O. Wilson





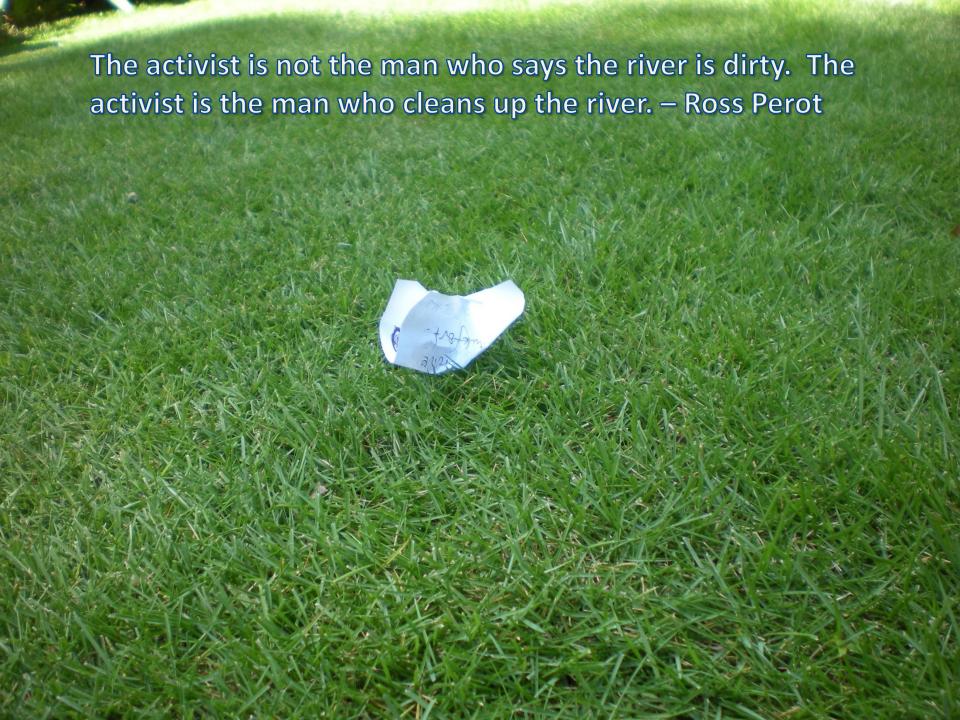
Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land – John Muir

Oakleaf Hydrangea



Poison Ivy





"I'm not an environmentalist. I'm an earth warrior" – Darryl Cherney





Our Environment Club Activities and Projects

Collections:

- paper for recycling (SP Recycling Corp \$10 per ton ph. 404-3843339)
- plastic soda bottles for recycling (local URRC –Spartanburg area)
- drink pouches (earn cash from Terracyclebrigade.com)
- LDPE beverage ring carriers (Hi-Cone)
- cell phones, ink cartridges, laser jet cartridges (earn PE equipment from Funding Factory)
- Nestle Pure Life water bottle labels (earn PE equipment)
- aluminum soda tops for Ronald MacDonald House fund raising
- aluminum cans (earn cash from local recycle plant +/- \$1000 p.a.)

We use cash from aluminum can recycling for annual school wide recycle grant competition at the end of the year.

Competition has included: essay about family recycling efforts recycle sculpture using only plastic bags animal sculpture using recycled materials artwork for reusable shopping bag

Some Activities

- Waste Free Lunch Campaign Students eat lunch in the classrooms. Waste was weighed before the campaign and then again after the campaign. The class with the greatest reduction won. As a result number of bins, black plastic trash bags, and waste sent to the landfill was reduced.
- Many speakers: everyone I meet that has some connection to animals, recycling, the environment I ask to come and speak at our school.
- Field Trips: local Science museum, nearby creek, Wildlife Preserve, LEED certified building, nearby park for scavenger hunt
- During apple season (Fall) each student brought an apple to school labeled from different areas of US and abroad.
 - Discussion about distances, shipping, preserving fruit, cost, finding places on map. Later made applesauce and enjoyed by all.

- Scavenger Hunt to find something with every letter of the alphabet (use bird and insect books)
- Christmas decorations from pine cones and pinecone snowmen from pinecones, recycled and natural materials
- Computer Research to find alternative to Styrofoam products for school lunches
- Made books with plastic bag covers (ironed) and recycled paper, decorated
- Made recycled paper from collected papers
- Gulf Oil Spill experiment (IFAW)

Ongoing Projects

- Bulletin board changed by club regularly advising of Earth Day activities, environmental issues, pictures, etc
- Small vegetable garden that provides lettuce for school lunches (also Rosemary bush doing well – a sprig sweetens the air after sweaty PE!)